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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C.

SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed August 27, 2002, and further in response to the Advisory Action of April 18, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 5 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

A complete listing of all claims is provided herewith in **Attachment A**. It will be noted that claims 1, 6 and 9-11 are currently amended, and claim 13 which Applicant attempted to enter in the prior amended has been marked as canceled.

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<u>REMARKS</u>

By virtue of this amendment, Applicants have amended Claim 1 so as to conform with the suggestions of the Examiner so as to put this case in condition for allowance, namely by adding the subject matter of Claim 5 to claim 1 and amending Claim 1 to recite the molar amounts for the components of the claim in terms of selenium ions.

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